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**ARIZONA SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE AND HISTORY CHANNEL TO DO A
MULTIMEDIA CLASSROOM DEMONSTRATION IN TWO ARIZONA HIGH SCHOOLS**

History Channel Picked Arizona for its commitment to Rigor to Launch first of its kind History Initiative for every Middle and High School Class in Arizona

(VAIL, ARIZONA) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne and Chief Historian Dr. Libby Haight O'Connell of the History Channel will visit two Arizona High Schools on Monday, December 11 to do a multimedia classroom demonstration. The multimedia classroom demonstration will show a set of interactive teaching tools featuring program content from the History Channel. The lesson plans are aligned to the Arizona Social Studies standards and are easy to use for teachers, students and parents.

Horne stated: "I have worked very hard to strengthen Arizona's history standards and was able to accomplish getting tougher standards. These tougher standards mean that high school students will graduate with an understanding of the Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution, Revolutionary War, the ideas on which this country was founded and the Greco-Roman basis for western civilization."

History Channel partnered with the Department of Education back in October, 2006 to launch the first-of-its-kind initiative recognizing Arizona with History standards that are among the most rigorous in the nation.

"In developing the Multimedia Classroom, we analyzed the history curriculum of every state and it was Arizona that stood head and shoulders ahead of the other 49. The Arizona Department of Education has developed a thoroughly impressive social studies/history curriculum for grades K-12 that few states can approach," said Libby O'Connell from the History Channel.

The multimedia classroom demonstration contains short documentary clips designed to engage the students and to help them comprehend content as well as the language used in presenting the content.

WHO: SUPERINTENDENT TOM HORNE AND HISTORY CHANNEL TO
DO A MULTIMEDIA CLASSROOM DEMONSTRATION

WHEN: MONDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2006

WHERE/TIME: 11:00 A.M. - EMPIRE HIGH SCHOOL
10701 EAST MARY ANNE CLEVELAND
VAIL, ARIZONA 85602

520-762-3002

WHERE/TIME: 2:00 P.M. - FLORENCE HIGH SCHOOL
1001 SOUTH MAIN STREET
FLORENCE, ARIZONA 85232